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FATHER KILLED HIS SON

Head Nearly Torn Off By Shot
A Fatal Rabbit Hunt
Parents Prostrated.

Saturday afternoon Horace Elliott and his son Howard went out on the farm about 5 miles northeast of Brunswick to bag some rabbits. They were successful and the nine year old boy was very active in the sport. After some time his father shot a rabbit and the boy ran to recover it and got in front of the gun as it was discharged, how, Horace Elliott has no idea. With the report the father saw his son fall with nearly half his head torn off, the full charge at a distance of not more than a few feet taking effect and causing death almost instantly. Horror stricken the parent saw the death of his cherished son and picked him up and carried him home when a physician was summoned to no avail.

Monday the remains were deposited in Prairie Chapel cemetery in the presence of a large number of the friends of the family, Rev. Marlin of Moberly comforting the grief stricken family and commiserating their loss with words of Christian love and hope.

"In the midst of life we are in death."

High School Notes

William Walther was absent from school Tuesday.

Nat Allen has been absent from school this week.

Cal Hubbard has small-pox. The family is under quarantine.

The Boy Scouts had a meeting Tuesday morning at assembly.

The members of the chorus have begun learning another song.

Martin Courtney is back in school again after a weeks absence.

Bertha Phillips is under quarantine because her brother has small pox.

The Red Cross work room was fixed up Friday and Saturday. All is ready to begin work now.

Co. Supt. Carlstead visited our school while Monday afternoon. He brought and gave to the school many posters on Thrift stamps.

Geo. Chapman and Shanon Wayland, former K. H. S. students, who are now stationed at Ft. Sill, are visiting relatives here now.

The seventh and eighth grade were brought up stairs last week so that Mr. Bond and Miss McCaul could teach them during Miss Jo Martin absence.

The Junior class presented the H. S. a service flag, containing 27 stars Friday morning. In another part of this paper a detailed account of the presentation is recorded.

The Junior and Senior unit will work on Monday and Wednesday on surgical dressings. The Sophs. work Tuesday and Friday and the Fresh. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Hulda Taylor was appointed to be leader at the next meeting of the Gabeshiwin Camp Fire. In the last meeting the camp won two required honors for their Fire makers degree.

The editor of the "Pioneer" received a letter from Miss Mary J. Gilbert, who is teaching in Nortonville, Kans., saying that she certainly enjoyed reading our paper. The staff appreciates hearing from any one who receives our paper.

The Coal Situation

Last Friday practically all factories, big mercantile houses and in fact every other place was closed for five days and to close each Monday thereafter until March 25 to save coal. Dr. Garfield of the federal fuel board created more consternation than can be told of by the order and went further suddenly than any other country ever did in months in tying up business. The reason alleged was shortage of coal and the necessity for having it to coal ships loaded with supplies for Europe. An exception was made in the cases of producers and sellers of food stuffs and later factories engaged in making war supplies.

There can be little doubt that railroads are responsible to a great extent for the shortage in the supply of coal for a prominent official in the Coal Miners Union said that thousands of men were waiting for cars to load coal into who ought to be at work digging and would be so engaged if there was a way provided to get the coal away from the mines. It would appear that the railroads are going to demonstrate that the government cannot handle railroads successfully and naturally that would discourage government ownership.

It has been but a short time since the report from the fuel administrator showed that there were fifty four millions tons more coal mined this year than last year. State fuel administrator Wallace Crossley has issued orders which will close down many institutions in the cities of the state and save a lot of coal. The question as to whether all this summary proceedings was necessary will appear later on but in the meantime there is nothing else to do but to obey the orders and help out in every way possible even tho the loss to business men and workmen resulting from such action as this is enormous and hard to bear by many.

Moberly Teacher Arrested

Ernest Schueneman, a teacher in high school at Moberly was arrested Tuesday by a deputy U. S. Marshall charged with having made assertions disloyal to the United States. He was placed under \$6000 bond and his trial will be held at Hannibal before a federal judge in May.

If Schueneman made the remarks attributed to him, he should be kept enclosed from date of arrest until war clouds have all faded away.

Pioneer Woman Dead

Mrs. Alice M. Keyte of Brunswick died Saturday aged 74 years, 7 months and 9 days. Her husbands ancestors founded Brunswick and this city. Interment in Elliott Grove cemetery, Rev. C. A. Bowles conducting services Monday afternoon.

Juniors Present Service Flag

Friday morning during assembly the Junior class presented a service flag containing twenty seven stars in it to the students and teachers of K. H. S.

The program was opened by the H. S. singing "America." Roberta Parks presented the flag to the school with a nice speech. Mary Opal West read the Honor Roll. The program closed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Roy W. Rucker has been confined to his home for several days with throat affection. He is recovered to an extent enabling him to look after his law office and farm bureau.

NEXT WEEK

A cross mark will appear on each paper the date on which is back of 1918 to call attention to the fact that subscription is due.

Soon thereafter we will take off our list all who have not paid and until they do pay the Courier will be suspended to their address. Paper, postage and everything connected with publishing has increased to such an extent that long credit for the paper is dangerous but pay for it is imperative.

- Do the Right Thing.

Salisbury Scribbles

Ira W. Potter of Clifton Hill was here Wednesday.

The coal shortage has been acute here, but there has been nothing short about the price.

Mrs. F. A. Shannon who has been seriously ill is reported to be better today (Wednesday).

The coal famine has been partially relieved here, and when warm weather comes will soon be over.

Over \$10,000 has been paid out here in the last ten days for hogs by our prince of hog buyers, A. A. Cloyd.

Shooting stars came in collision with each other here Tuesday night and both were dissolved-- so we hear.

Snyder and Son are installing a gasoline tank in front of their new location for the convenience of the customers.

Manual Palmer has been dangerous ill for some days, and is not yet out of danger. We hope for improvement soon.

Mrs. Moredock returned last week from a visit to her son in St. Louis, and leaves this week for a visit at Shelbyna, Mo.

John M. Tillerson and family have taken rooms over the Snyder store, next to the Public Library and will do light house-keeping.

We hear a good deal of kicking on the classification of registrants by the local board, but the real question is, Who could have done it better?

A house to house canvass of the members of the Christian church was made Sunday to raise money to pay the pastor and other expenses of the church.

Peter Blake and Jim Cloyd left Tuesday for Chicago where they will be examined for entrance into the navy. We wish the boys both good luck and fame.

A bunch of brooms was sold in front of the Rexall drug store Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the Red Cross. Bidding was lively and a nice sum was realized.

E. V. Allen, who lives near Sumner, was in our city Saturday on business, and gave us an appreciated call. He is a very successful farmer, and on the road to fortune. We wish all the success he deserves.

On the sick list this week we report Mrs. F. A. Shannon and J. H. Trent, the former being quite sick. Bentley Heryford has been "gripping" and is having a tough time of it, but as this is about the third attack in the last few years he knows pretty well how to handle it.

A woman was taken off a train here Monday, who a few moments before had cut her throat.

Merchants Asked to Help

The Missouri Division of the United States Food Administration asks that from now on customers look in every food store for the red and black poster, bearing the seal of the Food Administration, which shows the merchant has signed the pledge. The pledge, which appears on poster, reads as follows:

We pledge ourselves to give our customers the benefit of fair and moderate prices, selling at no more than a reasonable profit above cost to us.

The pledge is voluntary and it puts the grocer on record as having voluntarily agreed to co-operate with the policy of the Food Administration. No merchant will be allowed to sign unless he gives positive assurance he will live up to the pledge in spirit as well as in letter.

Local Red Cross

Workers are not so plentiful as a few weeks ago, especially from town but much has been accomplished. The local will ship 2000 bandages made here and Brunswick chapter work as well as from several other chapters work will be included this week.

It is coming time when these bandages will be needed for actual use and all who can should come to the work room and assist. A new lot of material has been received and a lot more is on the road and it calls for workers.

Price Of Seed Corn

The Missouri corn growers Association passed a resolution at Columbia last week condemning seed houses for contemplating almost prohibitive prices for seed corn. The association arranged to supply all who want seed corn with the tested article at \$5.00 a bushel so long as the supply at its command lasts. It would pay all corn growers to become members of the association. \$1.00 is membership fee, which send to Secty. at Columbia, Mo.

Stock Market

Kansas City

Top corn steers \$13.00; hogs \$16.40; lambs \$17.00.

Farm Bureau Meeting Saturday. Everybody invited to attend.

James Rucker and Dewey Hughes were in Moberly last Friday.

and after emergency treatment was forwarded to Moberly. Her name was said to be Johnson, but she was a stranger here. She wrote a note before committing the rash act, but it was too incoherent to make plain the cause of her trouble.

Woman Attempts Suicide

Mrs. L. C. Johnson of Nashville, Tenn., attempted suicide on Wabash passenger train No. 2 Monday. She cut her throat with a small knife. She had been noticed in the car after leaving Kansas City and when nearing Carrollton ladies in the car saw her enter the ladies' toilet. After leaving Brunswick the porter was notified. The porter knocked on the door but there was no response. He then unlocked the door and found the lady lying on the floor. He notified the conductor and the lady was carried out and aid was given her. A physician from Salisbury boarded the train and brought the lady to this city where she was taken to the Woodland hospital. The name of Mrs. L. C. Johnson was taken from a card on her suit case. It is supposed that she lives in Nashville, Tenn., as the conductor stated that she had a ticket to that place and was returning from a trip to Los Angeles, Cal.

The suit case was opened by the doctor and in it was found a letter, signed by Mrs. Sarah Johnson, that contained the following statements: "In case of my death or any serious accident I wish to state that my husband has always been good to me. That at no time have we ever had any trouble and that he has never taken money from any one. In our life we have had lots of trouble with colored people and they have killed an innocent man."

From all reports Mrs. Johnson had been to Los Angeles visiting a soldier but it is not known whether it was her husband or not.

At a late hour this afternoon the attending physician said she had a chance to live.

Later. She died Tuesday afternoon.

Insurance For Every Fighter

The Treasury Department is making every effort to have every member of America's fighting forces take advantage of the Government-insurance plan, which Secretary McAdoo asserts to be "the most just and humane provision ever made by any nation for its soldiers and sailors."

The purpose is rapidly being achieved, the insurance having passed the third billion mark in the total of policies written, and there are many military units in which every member has taken insurance. The automatic insurance provided by the law is only partial and limited protection, payable only to wife, child, or widowed mother and ceases after February 12, 1918. It is important, therefore, not only to the soldiers and sailors of the country but to their families and dependents, that before that date they avail themselves of the full Government protection, which can go as high as \$10,000 and is payable to a wife, husband, child, grandchild, parent, brother or sister.

The law also provides for the reeducation and rehabilitation of the totally disabled and monthly compensation to those disabled.

Doings Local Board

There are 8 delinquents for classification to date and only two have failed to appear on the call for examination.

Of the 70 called for last Friday and Saturday, there were 40 qualified and 27 disqualified for service, and three for limited military service.

The examinations of 180 began Wednesday and the same number will be examined next week.

THE EUROPEAN WAR

Little Doing on West Front
Russia Changing Purpose
Short Foodstuff

Fighting on Western front only desultory for several weeks. Detachments take and lose unimportant positions. Italy making no headway against Austrians. Russia in another internal squabble and considering separate peace with Turkey. Roumania likely dominated by Bolsheviks. Austria reported in near revolution, her pacifists demanding consideration of peace by Germany. All Allies and Civilians short on foodstuff and statement by U. S. chairman shipping board that six million tons losses this year accounts for shortage, growing more serious. U. S. rushing ships with supplies.

Little Russia has evidently entered into peace agreements with Austria.

Free Text Book Money

According to official distribution given out by W. W. White, county clerk, the following school districts get the following amounts for free text books for the year 1917-18, and the following cities also get the following amounts for their funds. This money is derived from tax on foreign insurance companies, and is by the state apportioned to the different counties:

Dist.	No.	Am't	Dist.	No.	Am't
1	822	24	90		\$8.90
4	17	80	96		29.91
5	13	77	97		36.94
9	14	21	98		20.24
11	10	67	99		14.21
12	17	36	100		16.02
14	10	23	101		12.46
15	20	02	104		22.68
19	5	78	106		18.24
20	36	48	110		7.12
26	18	68	113		11.12
31	28	03	115		11.56
36	20	91	117		21.24
45	23	58	119		24.92
47	16	02	120		20.02
52	17	80	121		16.92
55	8	01	122		20.91
56	10	67	123		18.24
59	7	56	129		40.90
60	13	35	131		17.80
61	20	46	135		36.48
69	15	09	136		19.58
71	17	80	138		25.35
72	17	36	Salisbury		238.72
74	15	58	Glasgow		5.34
75	10	67	Keytesville		173.20
78	8	00	Con. No. 1		15.09
82	11	12	Con. No. 3		97.00
87	22	27			
88	17	36	Total		\$1498.35

Cities and villages:

Brunswick	\$229.62
Dalton	45.82
Mendon	41.83
Sumner	44.44
Triplett	46.26

Total \$407.97

Methodist Church

The usual services will be held Sunday. The pastor will preach at both morning and evening hours. Subject: morning, "The Making and Keeping of The Great Decision." Evening, "Jesus Christ and The Building of Character."

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to these services.

Milton C. Davis, Pastor.

Cashier McCormick of Sumner was in town yesterday.

Spring day yesterday, snow melting; birds flitting, bees humming, overcoats on hooks, but don't get out garden seed and tools for a few days or until we report again.